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REMARKS

During the course of review of the application file after receiving the Notice of Allowance, it was noticed that claims 10-11 depended from claim 3, but should depend from claim 8 in order to provide a proper antecedent basis for all the terms in the claims.

In particular, claim 8, lines 3-4, recites a dogbone structure having a "narrower intermediate portion". Dependent claims 10 and 11 further define the "narrower intermediate portion" feature. However, claim 3, from which claims 10-11 presently depend, does not recite the "narrower intermediate portion" feature, nor do claims 1-2. The amendment to claims 10-11 change the dependency from claim 3 to claim 8 to provide a proper antecedent basis for all the terms in the allowed claims.

Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that the amendment to claims 10-11 does not touch the merits of the application, or change the scope the scope of the claims in a manner which would require a further search.

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For all these reasons, entry of the amendment to claims 10-11 is respectfully requested and reconsideration thereof is earnestly solicited.

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